

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center

350 Division Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Minutes

I. Meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

a. Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Charbonneau-here; Ms. Dube-here; Ms. Grant-here; Mr. Knight-here; Ms. McQuade-here; Mr. Araujo-here

Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Lee Rabbit, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Hersh Cristino, Chief Information and Innovation Officer; Ms. Karen Hammarstrom, Director of ESL Services; Mr. Jon Winikur, Strategic Building Solutions and Mr. Michael Connolly, Applied Learning Coordinator.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Araujo asked the Members and audience to remain standing for a moment of silence on behalf of former School Committee Member, Mr. Raymond W. Noonan who passed away. Mr. Noonan served two terms on the Pawtucket School Committee from 2009 through 2013. Mr. Noonan will be fondly remembered for his dedication to this community and to the children of the City of Pawtucket, as well as his quick wit.

II. Celebration/Recognition

Mrs. DiCenso: I would like our ESL Director, Ms. Karen Hammarstrom, to comment on the very well deserved scholarships for our teachers to receive a fully paid master's degree at Brown University.

Ms. Hammarstrom commented that our teachers are getting a master's degree in Science, Math and Stem Education as well as ESL and cross cultural studies in which they will earn their certification in ESL. Dr. Maria Pacheco is facilitating this course and Ms. Hammarstrom is particularly fond of this program because she attended Brown University herself. Four teachers are fully funded at \$40,000. Ms. Hammarstrom further commented that it is her hope that it is a really nice relationship.

Mrs. Jennifer McCaughey: This program is such a wonderful opportunity. It is a co-hort with other teachers representing

Pawtucket, Providence and Woonsocket.

Mrs. DiCenso: We hope to bring more and more news to you about our staff. We have very talented staff and teachers and this is a great example of what can evolve in middle schools. We're rooting for you!

The next person you are very familiar with. He runs the student trip to China. Mr. Mike Connolly.

Mr. Connolly: Hello. This is the sixth consecutive year we will have our China excursion in May and June. It's a wonderful opportunity for the students. The students get to go to school and it's a bit of a cultural shock because school there is 5:00 AM – 10:00 PM.

The only thing the students have to pay for is the airfare and Mayor Grebien has a community block grant to help with the expense.

We're raising funds and we have to do the same for them. In China, they have a residential school; here we use host families. This has grown as a Chinese Educational Academy which we have grants available for also.

Last week we received a crate from China and it was \$20,000 worth of electronics for the Confucius class at Shea. I wanted this opportunity to introduce this tonight. I received a call from Utah to go out and

speak about the program in Pawtucket. They told me, “You’re the only guy in this country to negotiate this kind of program.” We’re looked at nationally and internationally. It’s gone on for six years and I’m very proud of it.

Ms. Bonollo asked about the Confucius class.

Mr. Connolly: It’s about cultural class. We connect with school. They have Walmart, McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Here on Valentine’s Day you go to the Capital Grille. There you go to Pizza Hut. They serve pizza with napkins and utensils and one pizza is about \$100. It’s a twelve hour difference. The students gain a lot. Their English is surprisingly good.

They are Science and Technology majors and these students are accepted to M. I. T. and Brown University. Our kids are impressed with Ping Pong University. The professor comes and gives lessons in Chinese. There are sixty students in the class.

Ms. Bonollo: When you have your get together, will you invite us?

Mr. Connolly: Of course.

III. Special Reports of Student Representatives

a. Charles E. Shea High School—None

b. William E. Tolman High School—None

c. Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts—None

There were no student reports due to schools being closed for inclement weather.

IV. Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Persons wishing to speak should sign in with the Committee Chair before speaking. The Committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the meeting

Mr. Rodney Barber: I'm here to re-iterate the concern about school safety for the children, teachers and staff in view of all the school shootings. I've actively trying to improve this but have not been contacted. This is my opinion and plenty of parents and teachers are concerned. I understand a leaking pipe, a collapsed ceiling, however, my concern is physical and we got a threat with no injury and I am here again to ask the Committee to be more active on this issue. I've been idle because of promises made. I may even start to collect signatures to get people to move. I know in my life, the Marine Corps presentation goes a long way. You should get active on this. I think this should be a priority. I beg you. I hear over a year ago that "we're looking into it," but yet nothing. They're putting cameras in folks in East Providence. They will tell you how to get through the privacy

issues. I know you have damage to schools and that should be looked into. If something happens, I've begged and asked. I know its money and I've offered my services. I ask that you start thinking and consider their safety. Stop being displacement.

Mr. Knight: School security is confidential and cannot be discussed.

Ms. Bonollo: We have a facilities committee that addresses health and safety. You can sign up on the Secretary of State website to receive notification as well as the agendas.

V. Executive Session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, requested to skip the executive session for now and move it to the end of the agenda until Legal Counsel arrived.

Mr. Knight moved to conduct the executive session at the end of the agenda when legal counsel arrives. Ms. Dube seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Possible recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Rhode Island General Laws, Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5(a) (2) for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon collective bargaining:

- **Employees Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy**
- **Negotiations with Council 94, Local 1352**
- **Seal Executive Session Minutes**

VI. Reconvene to open session

a. Roll call

VII. Report out vote(s) of executive session of 2/10/15, if applicable

VIII. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of January 13 and January 17, 2015. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

IX. Old Business/Action Items

a. Approval of Standards of Professional Practice, 2nd Passage

Mr. Knight moved to table the approval of the Standards of Professional Practice, 2nd passage and send to the policy subcommittee for language to be reviewed by legal counsel. Ms. Dube seconded.

Ms. Dube: It's an official document and if it has to be amended, it can be.

Mr. Knight: This has been a total nightmare on talk radio. It was objected to by several companies, The Hassenfeld Institute and ACLU.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-no; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-no; Ms. Grant-no; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-no; Mr. Araujo-no

Motion to table fails.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the Standards of Professional Practice, 2nd passage. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-no; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-no; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion passes, five in favor; two opposed—Mr. Charbonneau and Mr. Knight.

X. New Business/Action Items

a. Approval of Certified Appointments

• Coaching

Mrs. DiCenso: In front of you have the appointment of Katie Desrosiers to Head Girls' Indoor Track at Shea; Gregory Clark to Assistant Girls' Indoor Track Coach at Shea; Lori Ritcey to Cheerleading (non-competitive) Head Coach at Shea and Michael Silva to Assistant Boys' Basketball at Shea and I ask the Committee to agree to approve these appointments.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the Certified Coaching appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. **Ms. Dube** seconded.

Mr. Knight asked if all the certified appointments could be taken at one time.

Ms. Bonollo withdrew her motion to approve the Certified Coaching Appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso.

• Teaching

Mrs. DiCenso: In front of you there is a request to approve the appointment of Jennifer Sweet, Grade 2 teacher at Fallon Elementary, Step 2.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the appointments of all certified staff including coaching and teaching at the same time as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Mr. Knight seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

b. Approval of Non Certified Appointments

Mrs. DiCenso: I ask you to approve the appointments to several open non certified vacancies:

Mr. Matthew Sharkey—Fallon Custodian 2-10 PM

Mr. Daniel Borges—Slater Custodian 2-10 PM

Mr. Antonio Galvao—Slater Custodian 2-10 PM

**Ms. Michelle Chin—Special Education Building
Assistant-Instructional Assistant/Personal Care Attendant—Goff
Junior High**

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the non-certified appointments as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant

seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

c. Approval of School Committee Clerk Compensation

Mr. Knight moved to table and send the approval of the school committee clerk compensation to the Finance Subcommittee. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

d. Approval of School Committee Work Session Pilot February –June

Ms. Dube: I thought it would be an excellent idea to add work sessions and we need to have clear direction. I am recommending the following five work sessions be added:

**February 28—Superintendent Report on Academic Initiatives
(PARCC, Dual-Language Program, High School Program)**

March 8—Budget Work Session

April 30—Wellness Presentation

May 21—Policy Subcommittee Presentation

June 18—Special Needs Presentation

What I think is that all of these can be a regular meeting that can allow votes if necessary. I also think that rolling out for the entire year would be foolhardy.

Ms. Dube moved to add the following five work sessions to the Pawtucket School Committee calendar:

**February 28—Superintendent Report on Academic Initiatives
(PARCC, Dual-Language Program, High School Program)**

March 8—Budget Work Session

April 30—Wellness Presentation

May 21—Policy Subcommittee Presentation

June 18—Special Needs Presentation

Ms. McQuade seconded.

Ms. Bonollo requested to move Wellness (policy) from April 30 to May 21.

Ms. Dube moved to amend her motion to have the policy subcommittee presentation on April 30 and wellness presentation on May 21. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Mr. Charbonneau: How did we formulate the five topics for the work sessions? I like and am supportive of this in theory, but we're in the midway point of the school and fiscal year. I don't know if the entire School Committee participated in the topic.

Ms. Dube: We just didn't want to have a meeting to just have a meeting. You can put whatever items you want on the agenda with the understanding you will add items to it for discussion to add more in depth thought. This is the perfect time because it is a pilot or is this something that didn't really work?

Ms. Grant: I am for the work sessions and concerned about this strategy. The special education is a new committee that we will be working. I would feel better if we had something to bring forward. I thought a lot of work sessions would be best and the subcommittees would present back to the full committee and that the whole meeting is about a specific subject.

Ms. Dube: That's why I took out the word subcommittee so the Superintendent could add any necessary items. This is an item that doesn't currently exist and it's an opportunity for discussion.

Mr. Knight: I understand what is trying to be done and every month we should be getting a report from the Finance Committee to recommend to the full Committee to vote on items, i.e. clerk compensation. All subcommittees have to have full Committee approval. I think it's a great idea but slightly too ambitious.

Ms. Bonollo: We come here and when test scores come out we have extended meetings. There are sufficient things about the meeting.

There is a state law about a wellness committee and these are things that the Committee should know. Beyond the scope of what the bond is going to cover. What type of curriculum we're going to have; that's not something we should have. I think we could be better informed.

Ms. Dube: We need more time for interjectory. We need to know what our long term plan is. I also think there's something to be said for those of us who have small children. This would be five meetings scheduled now and we can say this work session can be changed to a regular meeting.

Chairman Araujo turned over the Chair to the Deputy Chairman, **Mr. Charbonneau**.

Mr. Araujo: May and June are extremely busy months with the awards ceremonies and graduation. I think from a personal

perspective the first three are a go. Let's get through May and June and re-visit after that.

Chairman Araujo took back the Chair from Deputy Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau.

Ms. Dube: I understand these are busy times and if special meetings come up, we will have them. I think it's very important to have three and see if it's an unnecessary hassle.

Ms. McQuade: Piggybacking off Ms. Dube, we had a work session in January and it was very helpful but over the past several years there were no fewer than twenty meetings called. As a new Committee, we really need to do this. My impulse is because of scheduling. It gives us brain work. Facilities and finance are more focused and Special Education is more nebulous for this reason adopting this I think would be very valuable for this Committee.

Mr. Charbonneau: I think saving dates as special meetings is great as long as it serves its purpose. March 8th is great and April 30th if we find we need something. We then have subcommittee and special meetings, but for the sake of just having meetings; I am all for two meetings to try. I don't like that we are carving out time just to have them.

Ms. Dube: A lot of what we do at our regular meetings is more than

just reacting. This is a way of conducting business, to discuss publicly. I thought at our last meeting there should be something clear, the budget workshop within the week of the regular meeting. Emergencies arise and that's going to happen. I think there are two different advantages to this.

Mr. Araujo: Last year it was totally out of the realm.

Ms. Bonollo: Historically, I believe we had every month at least two meetings a month. There is nothing to say you can't cancel it. There are people who will want to block out this time.

Mr. Knight: I can think of three special meetings; teacher layoff meeting, recall meeting and strategic plan meetings. I would ask Ms. Dube to withdraw her motion.

Ms. Bonollo: Call the motion.

Roll call on the amendment

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Knight moved to amend to approve three work sessions instead

of five on February 26, March 8 and April 30. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: Call the vote.

Mr. Araujo: We voted to switch April to May. The motion is to approve three work sessions to be held on February 26, March 8 and April 30, 2015—April will be policy instead of wellness. May and June were eliminated.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-no; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-no; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-no; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion passes four in favor; three opposed-Ms. Bonollo, Ms. Dube, Ms. McQuade.

Mrs. DiCenso commented that March 8 is a Sunday.

The March 8 date is changed to Thursday, March 12.

Mr. Knight moved to approve three piloted work sessions as amended: February 26, March 12 and April 30 (policy, not wellness). Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: Move the question.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

e. Approval of Partnership with COZ and City of Pawtucket; Get Healthy Days

Ms. Bonollo: Part of the wellness committee is to give opportunities to enhance the teachers as well as the children. On May 2nd, we would like to have an activity, “Get Healthy Pawtucket.” There may be Pilate’s instruction and Zumba and there will be representatives from the American Heart Association. It will be at Veterans Park near Nathanael Greene and the City has blocked out that date. There are no fees and the City will carry the insurance on it. Everything will be free on it.

Ms. Dube moved to approve the Partnership with COZ and the City of Pawtucket; Get Healthy Days. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Mr. Knight: When did the wellness committee vote on this?

Ms. McQuade: At the October meeting I was asked to secure a date and get City backing and we have been unable to vote on this because of the time the City came back to us

Mr. Knight: There is no emergency because wellness has not voted.

Ms. Bonollo: It does. Things have to get moving.

Mr. Knight: This should have been brought forward as a recommendation.

Ms. Bonollo: We did our due diligence.

Ms. Bonollo: Call the motion.

Mr. Knight: Ms. Bonollo interrupted the discussion on the floor.

Ms. McQuade: Point of order. I was a parent on the board back in October and not yet elected. No decision could be made. We can't do any of that if we have to wait until March, we can't move forward.

Mr. Knight: No, we're the final arbitrator.

Mr. Charbonneau: What assurances do we have more so than something verbal?

Ms. Bonollo: I spoke to Dylan in the Mayor's office.

Mr. Knight: Can you amend it to approve contingent on wellness committee approval?

Ms. Dube moved to amend the approval of the Partnership with COZ and the City of Pawtucket; Get healthy Days contingent on wellness committee approval. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Roll call on amendment

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Roll call on original motion

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-no; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries six in favor; one opposed-Mr. Charbonneau.

f. Approval of Budget Transfers

Mr. Knight moved to table the approval of budget transfers and send to the Finance Subcommittee. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-no; Mr. Charbonneau-no; Ms. Dube-no; Ms. Grant-no; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-no; Mr. Araujo-no

Motion fails one in favor; six opposed—Ms. Bonollo, Mr. Charbonneau, Ms. Dube, Ms. Grant, Ms. McQuade and Mr. Araujo.

Ms. Devine: The first two items are from facilities and what we did was the budget passed in November listed repairs under purchase services and was moved to supplies for plumbing. It's the same thing we are able to do the work internally, it is the same task but doing so within so we needed to purchase supplies.

The last is technology because of licensing when we budget for hardware, it's district-wide.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the budget transfers Facilities--\$105,000.00—transfer from Building Repairs to other Maintenance Supplies, \$50,000; \$40,000 Electrical and \$15,000 Plumbing and Heating Services: Facilities--\$20,000.00 from Building Repairs to Electrical Supplies and Technology \$19,057.70 from Tech Related Hardware to Web based Instruction per web licensing previously covered under the Title budget. Ms. Dube seconded.

Mr. Knight: Are these the only budget transfers?

Ms. Devine: They are according to the policy passed by the Committee.

Mr. Knight: Anything between \$2,500 and 7,500 is not going to be reported?

Ms. Devine: No.

Mr. Knight: Up to \$2,500 we're not going to hear?

Ms. Devine: That's not how the policy was written.

Mr. Knight: Add it to the next meeting agenda.

Ms. Devine: I expect transfers will be minimal. UCOA has been quite a challenge. I think they will be less and less.

Ms. Bonollo: I want to make sure the forecast on the budget is for the kids.

Ms. DiCenso: We have nothing to hide. The budget is the budget. I think we need to be mindful that we have bare minimal staff. For us to produce documents, it's painful. We are so close to the bone, we don't even have \$2,500 and if we make a mistake and have to transfer I think it's something we agreed to and its \$2,500 to get items in

children's hands. The whole time I've been here, Melissa's staff is a one third of the staff the City has. I'm worried we are going to get bogged down.

Mr. Knight: There is no one or intent to make any disparaging remarks. At a previous meeting, I heard there was a negative balance. We have to keep an eye on the bottom line and we're looking at a \$150,000 deficit.

Ms. Dube: Point of order.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, requested to move to new business item h. Approval of School Lunch Credit Limits Policy, 1st Passage.

Mrs. DiCenso: When we approve the school lunch contract we were left with a deficit and when students did not have a lunch, they gave a lunch. A free lunch but did not keep track. Our number is significant. We're asking you to help us by keeping track of student balances.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the School Lunch Credit Limits Policy, 1st passage. Ms. Grant seconded.

Ms. McQuade: My school account is not live as of today. If we are telling parents this, we need to make sure they can access the information.

Mr. Araujo: This is just a first passage.

Ms. McQuade: We just have to be sure parents can access.

Ms. Devine: I want to add it's not live because we did not want to bring the policy twice because we wanted to encourage that they have a pre-pay option. I should have pointed that out. The intent is to get it up and running once it is approved.

Mr. Charbonneau: How is it determined that only three hot meals are allowed?

Mrs. DiCenso: I think three is put in there for us to flag it. Right now we have no measure so we put three in so families know they can't just get free lunch. I think you need to understand that every student is getting one free lunch and three high school students eating three meals at different kiosks. We need to have a measure of a wake-up call for what has truly been a wake-up call.

Ms. Dube: The students are still getting a lunch after three hot meals. I think this gives us notice to flag those students and it's an option.

Mr. Charbonneau: I never said students were not going to get a lunch.

Mrs. DiCenso: Some are doing it simply because they have been doing it and there are ways we can flag where there is a true need.

Mr. Knight: Who is monitoring and who is getting the lunches?

Ms. Devine: It would be Aramark and they have a POS system and we can print reports which they have to reconcile with us.

Mr. Knight: So Aramark tells us kids are eating two or three times? They're not billing us?

Ms. Devine: Aramark pays for the food. We get \$3.06 back for students who get a free meal. If they cannot collect this and kids are eating, they are charging us.

Mr. Knight: Students are going to three different kiosks. We're paying for one and they are getting reimbursed for three?

Ms. Devine: No.

Mrs. DiCenso: They may say it's a free lunch and they will get it. The

old system was not monitored, now we are. We're trying to find a middle ground.

Mr. Knight: What I'm hearing is we are purchasing food, Aramark is distributing and aren't they supposed to control their inventory?

Ms. Devine: In the past, there was never a policy. The policy is how the Committee feeds the student. It's more about what the Committee wants to do. That will help control and support us monitoring it.

Mrs. DiCenso: Now that we are working with a contractor, we have no guarantee. We have to monitor the program very closely every month.

Ms. Bonollo: They do have a computerized system. Now they have to put their pin in. If they go to three different places, they have to put in their pin.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes, provided Mr. Charbonneau doesn't give cheese sandwiches after every meeting; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

g. Approval of RFP for Architectural and Engineering Services—this item was moved to the end of New Business.

h. Approval of School Lunch Program Credit Limits Policy, 1st Passage—this item was moved before item g.

i. Approval to request Legal Counsel to obtain guidance from the Attorney General's Office to state a case where the Open Meetings Act was violated when a quorum of a public body gathered for a public hearing

Mr. Knight: Mr. Anderson provided a letter regarding the I-95 Commission. I would recommend to table this item at this time. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

g. Approval of RFP for Architectural and Engineering Services

Mrs. DiCenso: Before you is a RFP for a new architect for the \$32M bond. Mr. Winikur has worked very hard not to leave out any sub-contractors and we met with the City side to find out how to

forecast money and get the RFP out and advertised. Are there any questions? Mr. Winikur is here.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the RFP for Architectural and Engineering Services. Ms. Grant seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: How are we presenting this to the public?

Mr. Winikur: It will be advertised in the Providence Journal.

Mrs. DiCenso: It was discussed internally. RIDE 04.2 allows women business enterprises and minority business enterprises to give anything over \$500,000 available to them. We want to make sure we do expansive advertising. Including the Portuguese. I know there's a price involved.

Mr. Winikur: We work with the City and they have to have a minimum of ten percent of their team.

Mr. Araujo: The firm would have to be sure to include that advertising.

Mr. Winikur: That is correct.

Mr. Knight: There is no performance bond?

Mr. Winikur: That's a construction issue not planning.

Mr. Knight: What about change orders?

Mr. Winikur: It's in the contract language.

Mr. Knight: What about warranty of work?

Mr. Winikur: Those are being addressed by legal counsel. It is not in this document, but will be in the contract.

Mr. Charbonneau: In Potter Burns, there is no description in the bathroom. Renovated toilet rooms—does that mean we're renovating where we can?

Mr. Winikur: We're ripping out the old and replacing it with new.

Mr. Araujo: And is ADA compliance.

Mr. Charbonneau: That's not what it says here.

Mr. Winikur: That is how I interpret it. It's RIDE approved.

Mr. Charbonneau: Are we bidding bids separately or a lump sum? Which are we looking at?

Mr. Winikur: I'm not sure what you're referring to.

Mr. Charbonneau: These things can be bid as one package or several bids?

Mr. Winikur: Whatever is advantageous, it's two years away.

Ms. Bonollo: Can you make sure everyone has a copy of the co-hort? It's pretty much what RIDE has agreed to.

Mr. Knight: If we go with separate design services because there's a fixed lump sum payment, the proposed fees should be in on lump sum?

Mr. Winikur: You pay for the work as you go.

Mr. Knight: If we're doing the design for Potter-Burns now and Greene is done later, are we paying at the same time?

Mr. Winikur: You will pay as each design is done and the construction.

Ms. Bonollo: It's going to cost \$6M to hire the contractor and everything he's going to do and he only gets paid as the phase is completed?

Mr. Winikur: Those are the terms and conditions. We've been going back and forth on contract issues.

Mr. Knight: Has this been approved by the Pawtucket Purchasing Department?

Mrs. DiCenso: At the request of my department, we reached out to the Pawtucket Purchasing Department and they have stated that they are not interested.

Mr. Charbonneau: Was there a reason given?

Mrs. DiCenso: They are not obligated by statute. There was an email between legal counsel.

Ms. Bonollo: So they will be opening our bids?

Mr. Knight: The City Charter says we have to open, but it was never approved by the legislature. I would like to see their input.

Mrs. DiCenso: They emphatically stated they do not want to participate in this.

Mr. Knight: If that's the case, okay.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;

Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

V. Executive Session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, commented that the Committee would recess to possible recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Rhode Island General Laws, Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5(a)(2) for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon collective bargaining:

- Employees Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy**
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- Seal Executive Session Minutes**

Ms. Bonollo moved to recess to executive session. Mr. Knight seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

The Committee recessed to executive session at 8:24 PM to 9:10 PM.

VI. Reconvene to open session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, reconvened to open session at 9:17 PM.

a. Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Charbonneau-here; Ms. Dube-here; Ms. Grant-here; Mr. Knight-here; Ms. McQuade-here; Mr. Araujo-here

VII. Report out vote(s) of executive session of 2/10/15, if applicable

The clerk reported that the Committee voted unanimously to include Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer in the executive session. The Committee voted unanimously on a drug and alcohol policy, to seal the executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session.

XI. Discussion Items

a. Monthly City Expense Report

b. Monthly Vendor Expense Report

Mrs. DiCenso: You receive the monthly expense report and monthly

vendor report each month. It is included in your packet. If you have any questions, ask Melissa.

Ms. Bonollo: Good job.

c. Press Releases to Highlight and Inform Citizens of important News from School Committee

Ms. McQuade: One of the things I found interesting is that all the good news we receive here I want to codify a way to share this with the world. It could be very simple. We had a great robotics presentation and we have great scholarships. I want to create an automatic mechanism to share with the world or send out as a press release. The bad news overwhelms the good news. We need to disseminate the good news. You want to share the good things that are happening.

Mrs. DiCenso: So we don't duplicate what we do we sent out a press release form to the schools and are included in my twitter feed. A lot of community members are following as well. We are keeping a tally on this. These are things we are working on. We are moving into that agenda very rapidly.

Mr. Araujo: Someone may want to come up with a way to move forward.

Ms. Dube: It says in the policy that all press releases are to be approved by the Superintendent and Chairman. I know the minutes are available, but people are not going to look at them. This would be a way to break down that wall and the news flow is more of us moving it.

Mr. Araujo: The new policy.

Ms. Bonollo: As you do your press release.

Mrs. DiCenso: They are on the front page of the website.

Ms. Bonollo: I think working with the City to get more on their page instead of schools and also the Pawtucket Foundation. If we can get the information out there, there's more people can see.

Mr. Araujo: At some point the next step would be to bring it as an agenda item.

Mr. Charbonneau: I applaud Ms. McQuade for bringing this up. As a parent, I see the best every day, but only the bad is reported in the news.

Mr. Knight: Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't we just pass a policy that all press releases have to be approved by the Chairman and the Superintendent?

Mr. Araujo: Ms. Dube just mentioned that.

Ms. McQuade: I thought we could create a mechanism and we agreed on five things tonight that we could share and then blast it up. We want to build in good news. On our next regular meeting, we could add an agenda item.

XII. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. DiCenso: I'd like to address the recent snow days instead of talking about the recent data collection of reaching academic gains. All media and talk shows called to discuss snow days. I have multiple meetings and conference call with the city and other Superintendents and the Chairman and work with the City on parking bans. Plowing was not our only option. The second most important factor is that we have a policy only to bus to grade three. Some schools are bused to grade three. What other reason would I not want my children in school. I will be meeting with teachers and administrators to work with RIDE about making up the days. We will take care of our children and we took care of these children the last seven days.

XIII. Special Reports of School Committee Members

Ms. Bonollo: May 2 we are having a get healthy Pawtucket day. Next

Thursday we have a meeting scheduled at 6:30 PM at the School Administration Building and hope you can attend. We have a lot of things we can address.

Have a good night.

Mr. Charbonneau: To re-iterate what the Superintendent said I would like to acknowledge the maintenance staff and Dennis Rebelo for the remarkable job they've done. Good night.

Ms. Dube: Sharing out of good news of two events I went to the Jenks Dance Concert and it was unbelievable with just two to four months of instruction.

I saw the Robotics competition with Shea and Slater. I actually walked in with Governor Raimondo. I took a PARCC practice test to get a feel of what these students will have to do. It's on the website.

I'm excited to get working on the Policy Subcommittee. Our first meeting is February 23 at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Grant: I would like to thank the Superintendent, Dennis Rebelo and the staff for the great job they did. I encourage everyone to go to the website and take the survey about February vacation week.

I hope everyone has a good night.

Mr. Knight: I want to say everyone has done a wonderful job with the snow and schools. Patti, you will never hear me say it even back to the blizzard people were moving snow into the middle of the street. I watched a neighbor plow a parking space. I want to congratulate all of you for this.

Ms. McQuade: I have to say after driving around the City, you made the right decision. People have to walk in the street. There are very huge piles. People are pushing cars when they get stuck.

I attended an early morning Slater coffee event that we are going to copy at Varieur. Thank you, all.

Mr. Araujo: I have to applaud Patti and Dennis for the hard work they've done. I would never second guess your decision on this. I appreciate all your hard work.

Tomorrow is the City Council meeting allowing the Pawtucket School Committee to enter into negotiations to lease to purchase St. Leo's. The City Council had some good questions. It will be so key to acquire a property not just for bond renovations, but also NESDEC reported enrollment to be over 12,000 and we are already over capacitated.

Thank you and good night.

XIV. Adjournment

Ms. Bonollo moved to adjourn. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, adjourned the regular meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Approved 3/10/2015